

# A Level Economics

## Why study this course at Cronton Sixth Form?

A Level Economics at Cronton is becoming increasingly popular. Economics looks at an important target in all our lives how to get resources (or money!) and how to use them (or spend it!). It examines this question from the point of view of individuals who get money mostly from working or from benefits, and from the view of society where the government taxes us and spends the money on our behalf. Most of our students go on to university, many to study economics-related courses.

## What will I study?

### Brief description of Unit 1:

This is a micro-economics unit which looks at how resources are allocated in different economic systems; the market mechanism/supply and demand theory and what makes markets efficient or leads them to fail.

### Brief description of Unit 2:

This unit looks at government policy objectives and key economic indicators, such as inflation, unemployment and the exchange rate and how they can create issues in an economy. It helps students to understand why the government makes certain policy decisions and why the economy can do well or go into a period of recession.

## How will I be assessed?

100% exam.

## Entry Requirements

A minimum of 3 x 5's and 2 x 4's at GCSE including a Grade 5 in English Language, a Grade 5 in Maths and a Grade 5 to be in another written subject.

## Can I study this course if I have not taken it at GCSE?

There is no requirement to have studied Economics at GCSE.

## Opportunities

Students studying on the business courses at Cronton Sixth Form will take part in lectures with guests including 'Dragons' Den' winners and finalists from 'The Apprentice'. They will also have the opportunity to go on trips to high profile organisations including to the Houses of Parliament and Jaguar Land Rover.

Over the last year students have taken part in international trips to New York, Brussels and Barcelona. They have also participated in competitions including The National Student Investor Challenge, the 'Make Your Mark' competition, taken part in the Young Enterprise Tenner Challenge and have also completed prestigious placements with local MPs and international businesses including Evolution.

## Be inspired

To make up your A Level programme, you will choose to study three subjects. Alongside these subjects you can then elect to take part in the Professional Studies Programmes, Prestigious Universities Programme and our Centres of Excellence depending on your university and career ambitions.

## The Cronton Experience

At Cronton you can take part in many enrichment activities such as:

- The High Achievers Programme
- Professional Programmes for Tomorrow's Scientists, Lawyers and Teachers
- Centres of Excellence in STEM, Performing Arts and Sport
- Student Leadership Team
- College Sports Teams
- TASS (Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme)
- The Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- International Trips
- Scholarships



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## Enrichment Opportunities

Alongside A Level Economics, students can take part in competitions like “Make your Mark”, essay competitions where students can win iPods or laptops, advising the Chancellor on economic policy and competitions run by the Bank of England. This will bring out your analytical skills which will help you get the top grades in Economics. Visit to the Houses of Parliament.

## What can this course lead on to?

Economics is suitable for a wide range of careers from working as an economist, to investment banking, to research. It provides students with a wide ranging skill base and the analytical skills and ability to understand complex concepts which makes it an excellent subject to study if you are looking to apply to a top university.

## Any additional costs?

There are no direct costs associated with this course, though you will need a calculator, and you will need to provide your own stationery.

## What have previous students said about this subject?

“This A level has been fascinating and has given me a real insight into how the economy works.”

## Meet the Students

Name:  
**Noel Doring**

Previously from:  
**Saints Peter and Paul Catholic High School**

Destination:  
**University of Manchester to study Business, Finance and Economics**

A Level Results:  
**Business Studies A\*  
Economics A  
History A**

